



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 112**

*February Session, 2004*

Substitute Senate Bill No. 44

*Senate, March 17, 2004*

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 30-91 of the general statutes, as  
2 amended by section 103 of public act 03-1 of the June 30 special  
3 session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
4 (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

5 (d) The sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor in places operating  
6 under package store permits, drug store permits or grocery store beer  
7 permits shall be unlawful on Decoration Day, Independence Day,  
8 Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day, Sunday or Christmas  
9 or, if Independence Day, Christmas or New Year's Day occurs on a  
10 Sunday, on the Monday next following such day except that such sale  
11 or dispensing shall be lawful on any Independence Day occurring on a  
12 Saturday; and such sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor in places  
13 operating under package store permits, drug store permits, and  
14 grocery store beer permits shall be unlawful on any other day before

15 eight o'clock a.m. and after [nine] eight o'clock p.m. It shall be  
16 unlawful for the holder of a manufacturing permit for a brew pub to  
17 sell beer for consumption off the premises on the days or hours  
18 prohibited by this subsection. Any town may, by a vote of a town  
19 meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which  
20 such sale shall be permissible.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: |                        |
| Section 1                              | <i>October 1, 2004</i> |

**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

| Agency Affected      | Fund-Effect          | FY 05 \$ | FY 06 \$ |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Revenue Serv., Dept. | GF - Revenue<br>Loss | 300,000  | 400,000  |

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

Public Act 03-1 (J 30 SS) permitted retailers to extend from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. the time for selling alcohol for off-premises consumption. This bill reverses that change, which is expected to result in an annual General Fund revenue decrease from the sale of alcohol of less than \$300,000 beginning in FY 05 (partial year) and less than \$400,000 for FY 06 and subsequent years. The estimate is based on revenue data collected after the passage of Public Act 03-1 (J 30 SS.)

The fiscal note for PA 03-1 (J 30 SS) indicated that changing the selling hours for the alcohol retailers from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. would result in a total annual General Fund revenue increase of \$2.1 million in FY 04. The actual year-to-date revenue increase does not appear to be consistent with the fiscal note estimate for a variety of reasons, including: (1) many alcohol retailers did not consistently stay open until 9 p.m. every day of the week, (2) some alcohol retailers were not immediately aware of the change in law permitting them to sell alcohol until 9 p.m., and (3) consumers were not immediately aware that they could purchase alcohol until 9 p.m.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires that package, drug, and grocery stores stop selling alcohol at 8 p.m., in effect reversing a provision of Public Act 03-1, which allows such sale until 9 p.m. Because holders of manufacturing brew pub permits can sell beer for off-premises consumption during the same hours as package, grocery and drug stores, the act effectively limits the hours for such sales as well.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19      Nay 0